

## *Tau Chapter Eternal*

### **Brother John C. Ramsey '85**



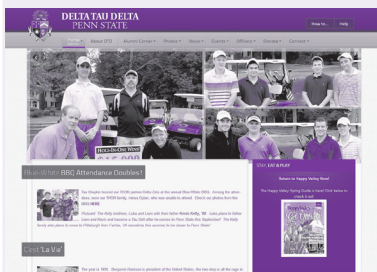
Our sympathies to the family and friends of Brother Ramsey, who entered the Chapter

Eternal at age 52. Brother Ramsey passed unexpectedly in his Pittsburgh home on Monday, March 14, 2016.

Husband of Laura (Caine) Ramsey; father of Gordon, Elizabeth, and Olivia Ramsey; brother of Pamela (Ed) Hamer, Christine (Dominic) Stasa, Gordon (Maggie), and Edward (Bonnie) Ramsey; also nieces and nephews. John was an Eagle Scout, a graduate of New York Law School, a financial advisor, and known as a fun loving, gregarious individual who loved life, family, and many friends.

## **ON THE WEB**

Check out more Alumni news updates, events, and profiles online at [www.psudelts.org](http://www.psudelts.org).



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## *Estate Planning*

### **You Will Be Remembered at Tau Chapter**



We promise to remember **each and every one** of you, even if you have never made a donation. Each Brother has his place in the history of Tau Chapter, no matter what! We'll remember you, will you remember us?

We invite all Alumni Brothers, like you, to generously remember Tau Chapter of Delta Tau Delta in your estate planning by designating Tau Company as one of your beneficiaries on your insurance forms and in your Last Will and Testament.

We respectfully ask you to consider assigning some percentage of your life insurance and/or other financial instruments, precious metals, or cash that you are comfortable giving as your final gift to help your Fraternity.

We have created a new webpage to remember all Brothers who have a lifetime giving level of \$5,000 or more, ranked by amount, and then by class year. Those who are able to make this commitment to Tau Chapter of Delta Tau Delta have our everlasting appreciation and

everlasting recognition!

We are also planning a new Tau Chapter Eternal webpage where all who have passed on can forever be remembered by class year with the date they passed onward.

More and more Brothers have told us of their desires to make a final gift and asked us for the information they need to do so. We ask that you make the necessary changes as soon as possible to make sure your final wishes and gift to Tau Chapter are fulfilled after your death.

Please designate "Tau Company of Delta Tau Delta" as the beneficiary and use the following address information:

Tau Company of Delta Tau Delta  
Alan C. Hubbell, Treasurer  
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Should your insurer require our Non profit Tax ID number, please contact Alan directly via email at [alanchubbell@yahoo.com](mailto:alanchubbell@yahoo.com) or by phone at 302-379-9276.

**Check out the list of lifetime givers at [www.psudelts.org](http://www.psudelts.org).**

## Mike Hua '16 Looks Back On THON

THON has always been something that has held a special place for Tau Delts at Penn State. As a graduating senior, it's tough not to look back and reflect on the collective impact that THON has had on me and the Brothers of Tau Chapter

My experiences with THON began as a freshman when I volunteered to become a member of THON's Rules and Regulations committee. I leveraged that experience and ended my freshman year as one of the newly elected THON Chairs for our Chapter. Since my freshman year, I've had the honor of helping to lead our organization in raising over \$400,000 for the kids.

THON has always been an essential part of our Brotherhood. Spending fall weekends canning at places from Connecticut to Atlantic City, running the annual THON 5K, canvassing, and carving pumpkins with our beloved THON children: Dylan and Max.

This year was different. I would not be spending THON in the stands, but instead on the floor enduring 46 hours without sitting or (voluntarily) sleeping. I would have the privilege and honor of representing Tau Chapter as one of 708 dancers that weekend, and I cannot think of a better way to end my career as a Penn State student and as a THON chair.

THON this year was a blur. THON took me to my highest high and my lowest low. It is difficult to describe the pain you feel as your knees swell, feet blister, and the creeping fatigue starting as a low murmur, eventually becoming a roar as your body screams at you to close your eyes and get some sleep. The pounding music and bright lights in the BJC assault your senses and at times, I even found myself falling asleep while walking.

There were many times that I wanted to give up or didn't think I was going to make it, there were just as many moments where the support of the Brothers in the stands, my fellow dancers, and the presence of our THON children kept me going. In the grand scheme of things, none of the pain I felt can compare to what these children go through. From stealing months and years from their childhood to the challenging treatments necessary to save their lives, I knew that I could not give up! I had to



stand, literally and figuratively with the millions of children who cancer has affected and failing to do my part meant giving up on Dylan, Max, and everyone that this terrible disease has affected.

At the end of the weekend, I felt I had experienced one of the greatest weekends of my life. I could not be more proud of all of the work that we have contributed over four years. I'd like to thank Tau Chapter's other dancers, **Andrew Schmitt** and **James Sciretta** for their efforts, as well as Chapter members both past and present for their contributions.

I am confident that through the efforts of Tau Chapter and THON as a whole, we will continue to support children and their families and beat cancer for good!

Michael Hua '16



## Alumni President Report

Greetings fellow Delts from Brother **John Thorsen '86**!

Back in April, we held our Tau Company Board meeting at the Shelter where we update each other on the state of Tau Company and the Alumni Group, and meet with the actives to discuss their progress, achievements, and care of the Shelter. It also happened to be the weekend of the annual Blue-White game and Alumni Reunion. Our meeting went well as we focused on care of the Shelter, growing the active Brotherhood, and future plans for fundraising. The actives also held a barbeque tailgate at the Shelter which was fun and well-attended by the actives, but I didn't see as many of you there as I should have!

The Shelter looked the best that it has in many years as we enjoyed the bonds of our Brotherhood. Brother **Kevin Kelly '80** attended, visiting his son Liam, who is a new Brother, as well as bringing his other son, Luka, who may become a Tau Delt in the future. Kevin's enthusiasm during his visit was contagious and it was great to see him enjoying his return to the Shelter.

The actives continue to manage their budget very well, needing no financial assistance from Tau Company. They continue to apply their efforts and resources to improving the Shelter by painting various areas, purchasing furniture, and recently purchasing new televisions for the Chapter room and dining room areas. Tau Company needs more donations, otherwise we continue to tread water financially. We carefully apply any donations to the areas of the Shelter that have the greatest need. We are very excited Brother **Kevin Kelly '80**, during his visit, offered to donate funds needed to purchase and install new carpeting for the second and third floor corridor areas. Thank you to Kevin and his wife for this generous offer. It is very much appreciated and the work will be completed over the summer.

I also wanted to give thanks again to a few special Brothers who continue to give their time, talents, and financial support to the Shelter and our Brotherhood. Please join me in thanking Brother **Larry Hixson '81**, Brother **Ron Krasnansky '90**, and Brother **Alan Hubbell '86**. I appreciate all of their dedication, attention to detail, friendship, input, opinions, and continued willingness to give their time to Tau Chapter and Tau Company.

Thank you to those individuals whose recent donations continue to allow us to pay our bills and maintain the Shelter. Rest assured, your contributions mean more to the Chapter than ever before. We want nothing more than to show you how your donations are being spent so that when you visit we can proudly show you the specific results of your generosity.

Ah yes, here is the sales pitch! There are improvements that the Shelter still truly needs and we still need your help! If you want to send a donation and specifically earmark a particular need of the Shelter, we can do that and make sure you are recognized for helping with that item. Please help continue the success, pave the way for the future generation of Tau Delts, and give what you can. Lastly, please visit the house and talk to the Brothers. Share your stories and experiences of being a Delt.

Thanks for reading! Go Penn State! **Go Tau Delts!**



**John Thorsen '86**  
and his wife Tracie

## Alumni Update



### Brother Ryan McCabe '11

Ryan majored in History at Penn State and graduated in 2011. In October of 2011, his first job was as an administrator at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston for both the operating room and emergency departments. He was also the program coordinator for the ER's narcotics unit from February 2014 until August 2014.

He started Boston College Law School in 2014 and participates in several student activities, legal societies, and IM softball. During the summer of 2015, Ryan interned at the Suffolk

County District Attorney's Office in the narcotics unit. He is currently interning at the Middlesex District Attorney's Office in Woburn, MA with their Special Investigations Unit. This summer, he will be working as a student prosecutor in a Boston District Court.

Ryan said, "When I graduate, I hope to work as a prosecutor in Massachusetts."

Brothers can contact him on Facebook, LinkedIn, or at [mccabery@bc.edu](mailto:mccabery@bc.edu) by email.

We are all very proud of Ryan's accomplishments and how hard he is working to become a lawyer!



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## Penn State Alumni Association Arts Festival Welcome!

Bring your friends, family, and Alumni Brothers to Happy Valley, July 14–17, 2016, and relive your college years by staying in the West Hall dorms, just steps away from the Arts Festival's sidewalk sales, festival food, and countless concerts. Alumni Weekend special events include: career seminars, access to ice skating at Pegula Ice Arena, swimming at Penn State's Olympic-size outdoor pool next to the Natatorium, and the ever-popular Saturday afternoon ice cream social featuring Berkey Creamery favorites and live entertainment.

The 2016 Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts is looking forward to seeing you! Visit us at [www.psudelts.org](http://www.psudelts.org), where you can click on discussions, under the news tab and participate in our open forum and see who else will be at the Arts Festival!

## Blue-White BBQ Attendance Doubles!

Tau Chapter hosted our THON partner Delta Zeta at the annual Blue-White BBQ. Among the attendees, were our THON family, minus Dylan, who was unable to attend. Check out photos by visiting [www.psudelts.org](http://www.psudelts.org) and clicking on the "photos" tab.



*The Kelly brothers, Luka and Liam, with their father Kevin Kelly, '80. Luka plans to follow Liam and Kevin and become a Tau Delt after he comes to Penn State this September! The Kelly family also plans to move to Pittsburgh from Fairfax, VA sometime this summer to be closer to Penn State!*

## Thanks for Your Dollars and Pennies, but We Need More Heavy Lifting!

### Big Donors, C'Mon!



(Picture by Bill Zimmerman)

Pictured left are Cornerback Da'Quan Davis, left, and linebacker Von Walker, who competed in the tire flip at Lift for Life. The Penn State Uplifting Athletes' annual event raises money for the Kidney Cancer Association.

Tau Chapter thanks the following 2016 donors for their heavy lifting: **Martin Lane '60, David B. Mooney '61, James King '78, Tim Phillips '79, William Herman '81, and Andrew Stern Esq. '83.**

Special thanks to **Bill Herman '81** for the extra penny, which captured the true spirit of the **Every Penny Counts Campaign!**